



**SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA
ORAL ARGUMENT CALENDAR
LOS ANGELES SESSION
APRIL 6 and 7, 2016**

The following cases are placed upon the calendar of the Supreme Court for hearing at its courtroom in the Ronald Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street, Third Floor, North Tower, Los Angeles, California on April 6 and 7, 2016.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016—1:30 P.M.

- (1) People v. Castillolopez (Emmanuel), S218861
- (2) People v. Sánchez (Edgardo) [Automatic Appeal], S045423
- (3) People v. Becerra (Frank Kalil) [Automatic Appeal], S065573

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016—9:00 A.M.

- (4) Nickerson (Thomas) v. Stonebridge Life Insurance Company, S213873
- (5) People v. Sanchez (Marcos Arturo), S216681
- (6) People v. Hubbard (Jeffrey), S216444

1:30 P.M.

- (7) People v. Conley (Patrick Lee), S211275
- (8) People v. Wade (Steven), S224599
- (9) People v. Clark (William Clinton) [Automatic Appeal], S066940

CANTIL-SAKAUYE
Chief Justice

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The following case summaries are issued to inform the public about cases that the California Supreme Court has scheduled for oral argument and of their general subject matter. In most instances, the descriptions set out below are reproduced from the original news release issued when review in each of these matters was granted and are provided for the convenience of the public. The descriptions do not necessarily reflect the view of the court or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.

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(1) ***People v. Castillolopez (Emmanuel), S218861***

#14-89 People v. Castillolopez (Emmanuel), S218861. (D063394; 225 Cal.App.4th 638; Superior Court of San Diego County; SCD242311.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. This case presents the following issue: Was defendant's possession of a concealed and opened pocketknife with the blade in its fully extended position sufficient to sustain his conviction for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger in violation of Penal Code section 21310?

(2) ***People v. Sánchez (Edgardo), S045423*** [Automatic Appeal]

This matter is an automatic appeal from a judgment of death.

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(4) ***Nickerson (Thomas) v. Stonebridge Life Insurance Company, S213873***

#13-108 Nickerson (Thomas) v. Stonebridge Life Insurance Company, S213873. (B234271; 219 Cal.App.4th 188; Superior Court of Los Angeles County; BC405280.)

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed the judgment in a civil action. This case includes the following issue: Is an award of attorney fees under *Brandt v. Superior Court* (1985) 37 Cal.3d 813 properly included as compensatory damages for purposes of calculating the ratio between punitive and compensatory damages where the fees are awarded by the jury, but excluded from compensatory damages when they are awarded by the trial court after the jury has rendered its verdict?

(5) *People v. Sanchez (Marcos Arturo)*, S216681

#14-47 *People v. Sanchez (Marcos Arturo)*, S216681. (G047666; 223 Cal.App.4th 1; Superior Court of Orange County; 11CF2839.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed in part and reversed in part a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents the following issue: Was defendant's Sixth Amendment right to confrontation violated by the gang expert's reliance on testimonial hearsay (*Crawford v. Washington* (2004) 541 U.S. 36)?

(6) *People v. Hubbard (Jeffrey)*, S216444

#14-38 *People v. Hubbard (Jeffrey)*, S216444. (B239519; nonpublished opinion; Superior Court of Los Angeles County; SA075027.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents the following issue: Does Penal Code section 424 apply only to public officers who are charged with the receipt, safekeeping, transfer, or disbursement of public moneys, or does the statute apply to a public officer who authorizes the disbursement of public funds even if the actual authority to approve the disbursement lies elsewhere?

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(7) *People v. Conley (Patrick Lee)*, S211275

#13-70 *People v. Conley (Patrick Lee)*, S211275. (C070272; 215 Cal.App.4th 1482; Superior Court of Yolo County; CRF113234.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents the following issue: Does the Three Strikes Reform Act of 2012 (Pen. Code, §§ 667, subd.

(e)(2)(C), 1170.12, subd. (c)(2)(C)), which reduces punishment for certain non-violent third-strike offenders, apply retroactively to a defendant who was sentenced before the Act's effective date but whose judgment was not final until after that date?

(8) *People v. Wade (Steven)*, S224599

#15-55 *People v. Wade (Steven)*, S224599. (B255894; 234 Cal.App.4th 265; Superior Court of Los Angeles County; BA421048.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order of dismissal of a criminal proceeding. This case presents the following issue: Is a defendant carrying a firearm “on his person” within the meaning of Penal Code section 25850, subdivision (a), if he is wearing a backpack containing a firearm?

(9) *People v. Clark (William Clinton)*, S066940 [Automatic Appeal]

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